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RESPONSE TO

ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant : Toshinori GATO

Appln. No. : 10/619,003

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For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING

A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

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Responsive to the Election Requirement dated December 20, 2004, Applicant elects for further examination the species of the invention represent by Embodiment 2, shown in Figure 3 of the application, which is the subject matter of claims 18-24. The selection is made without traverse.

Examination of the application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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